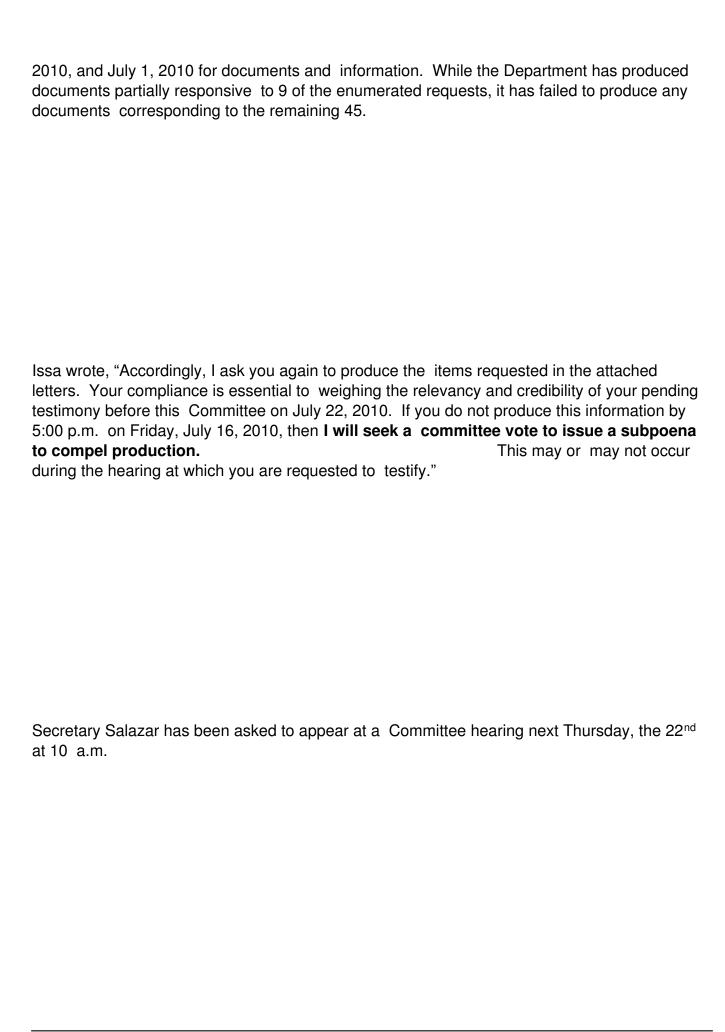
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| WASHINGTON. D.C. – House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Darrell Issa (R-CA) has sent a letter to Interior Department Secretary Ken Salazar demanding that he comply with the Oversight Committee's request for documents and information relating to the Committee's investigation on the events surrounding the Deepwater Horizon  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| explosion and the federal response to this unprecedented environmental disaster.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| "As the Interior Department is chiefly responsible for regulating offshore energy production, including safety compliance, Chairman Towns and I made four independent requests to you for documents and information," Issa wrote. "The lack of cooperation is appalling for an Administration that prides itself on transparency and openness with the American people. Taxpayers, especially in the Gulf region, have a right to know what happened on a federal level that could have prevented or minimized the destruction. Unfortunately, your non-compliance only fuels more questions and causes more Americans to lose confidence that the government is acting in their best interests. Indeed, it appears that the Administration is more concerned with hiding from the tough questions than answering them." |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| To date, the Committee has made four requests dated May 3, 2010, May 14, 2010, June 24,  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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